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MDCR E-news for February 27, 2012

Discrimination at park authority?

From Livingston Daily.com, 2/27/12

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20120227/NEWS01/202270310/Discrimination-park-authority-?odyssey=nav|head>

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority police officers allege age and race discrimination are running rampant at their department.

Dearborn Heights school counselor says Arab-American students neglected

From the Detroit Free Press, 2/24/12

<http://www.freep.com/article/20120224/NEWS02/202240345/Dearborn-Heights-school-counselor-says-Arab-American-students-neglected>

Two federal agencies are investigating the Crestwood School District in Dearborn Heights based on a high school counselor's complaints that the district is failing to provide needed services to Arab-American students.

Jeff Gerritt: Malcolm X returns in an inspiring exhibit

From the Detroit Free Press, 2/23/12

<http://www.freep.com/article/20120223/OPINION02/202230442/Malcolm-X-returns-in-an-inspiring-exhibit?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

Michigan and Detroit have little to remind them of their ties to arguably the greatest American leader of the 20th Century. Malcolm X -- born Malcolm Little in Omaha, Neb. -- spent much of his youth in the Lansing area, where his family moved when Malcolm was 4, and later in Detroit, the birthplace of the Nation of Islam and home to one of the first temples Malcolm attended. Still, about the only concrete reminder of his Michigan roots is an obscure home site marker in Lansing.

3 accused of West Bloomfield attack charged with ethnic intimidation

From the Detroit News, 2/22/12

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120222/METRO02/202220356/1409/metro/3-accused-West-Bloomfield-attack-charged-ethnic-intimidation>

Bloomfield Hills — Assault charges were upgraded Tuesday to felony counts of ethnic intimidation for three West Bloomfield men accused of attacking and shouting slurs at an African-American man last year.

Hershey's Packer Is Fined Over Its Safety Violations

From the New York Times, 2/21/12

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/22/us/hersheys-packer-fined-by-labor-department-for-safety-violations.html?_r=1&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=tha23

After a six-month investigation prompted by the protests of student workers on an international exchange program, the Labor Department on Tuesday issued fines of \$283,000 for health and safety violations against a

company that operates a plant in Pennsylvania packing Hershey's chocolates, saying it had covered up serious injuries to workers.

Cass Tech football team gets history lesson that still resonates in wake of controversial letter

From MLive, 2/16/12

http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2012/02/cass_tech_football_team_gets_h.html

Back in 1934, two sophomore players on the University of Michigan's football team were at a crossroads.

Asian-American actress apologizes for role in Hoekstra's ad

From Click on 4 Detroit, 2/16/12

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/politics/Asian-American-actress-apologizes-for-role-in-Hoekstra-s-ad/-/1719386/8784622/-/6a1bq6z/-/index.html>

DETROIT – Republican U.S. Senate candidate Pete Hoekstra has not apologized for the content of the campaign ad featuring an Asian-American woman speaking in broken English.

Age discrimination lawsuit filed against Saginaw police by former recruit

From MLive, 2/14/12

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2012/02/age_discrimination_lawsuit_fil.html

SAGINAW – Joseph J. Dervisi, 38, of Midland is suing the city of Saginaw, claiming the Saginaw Police Department discriminated against him because of his age.

Hundreds in Orchard Lake get an anti-bullying boost

From the Detroit News, 2/14/12

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120214/SCHOOLS/202140368/1409/METRO/Hundreds-Orchard-Lake-get-an-anti-bullying-boost>

Orchard Lake— Annette Livingston knows what it's like to be bullied.

"Some people call me bad names and leave me out of their groups," said Annette, 12, an Abbott Middle School student from West Bloomfield. "It makes me feel bad, like I'm not important."

Howell school board member cleared of sexual harassment allegations

From the Lansing State Journal, 2/14/12

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20120214/NEWS01/302140060/Howell-school-board-member-cleared-sexual-harassment-allegations?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

HOWELL — Former Howell Public Schools Board of Education member Robert Parker has been cleared of any illegal harassment, according to an investigative report made public Monday evening.

Portage teen overcomes Asperger's, bullying to become Youth Athlete of the Year at Michigan State Games

From MLive, 2/12/12

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2012/02/post_261.html

PORTAGE — Despite the mountain of obstacles he faces on a daily basis, a Portage teenager has gone great lengths to pursue the huge goals he has set for himself.

From Gongwer, 2/10/12 (no link available)

FAIR HOUSING: The Department of Civil Rights announced receipt Friday of \$185,000 in grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to enforce fair housing laws in the state.

The funds will also be used for outreach to make landlords and others aware of their obligations under the law.

"A key component of MDCR's mission is to fight discrimination in any form it is found. These awards, and our continued partnership with HUD, will help expand our outreach to a wider audience," Civil Rights Director Daniel Krichbaum said in a statement. "We will be able to reach more landlord associations, realtor groups, fair housing staff, lenders and law enforcement officers and expand their knowledge of both fair housing and their expertise on hate crimes within the housing context."

U.S. Senate candidate Pete Hoekstra replaces controversial Super Bowl ad, takes it off website

From the Detroit Free Press, 2/10/12

<http://www.freep.com/article/20120210/NEWS15/202100357/U-S-Senate-candidate-Pete-Hoekstra-replaces-controversial-Super-Bowl-ad-takes-it-off-website?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

The controversial campaign ad that had critics skewering U.S. Senate candidate Pete Hoekstra has been scrubbed from his campaign website.

Attorney says his client was following restaurant orders when she told man with guide dog to leave From MLive, 2/8/12

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/02/attorney_says_his_client_was_f.html

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP – Former restaurant worker Nataly Bucio was officially charged today with denying service to a person with a service dog.

Officials: John Hansen resigned as interim Ypsilanti city manager after inappropriate remark

From Ann Arbor.com/MLive, 2/8/12

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/ypsilanti/officials-john-hansen-resigned-from-ypsilanti-iterim-managers-post-after-employee-harrassment-charge/>

Former interim Ypsilanti City Manager **John Hansen** abruptly resigned after an incident in which he made an inappropriate comment to a city employee, acting City Manager Frances McMullan said.

Lawsuit: 8-year-old sexually assaulted twice by classmate at Ann Arbor's Eberwhite Elementary School

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/education/lawsuit-alleges-girl-was-sexually-assaulted-twice-by-student-at-ann-arbors-eberwhite-elementary-scho/>

From Ann Arbor.com, 2/6/12

An 8-year-old girl reported a boy sexually assaulted her twice in the bathroom of their special education classroom at Ann Arbor's Eberwhite Elementary School in March 2011, and now her family is suing the district.

Using Racial Slur in Council Meeting is Not Ok

From the Troy Patch, 2/6/12

<http://troy.patch.com/articles/letter-to-the-editor-35e3392b>

On Feb. 3, the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, which I chair, met in Troy. Our Commission, appointed by the governor, is charged with advancing the full and equal participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the building of a greater Michigan. Moreover, we collaborate, promote and actively participate to make Michigan a greater place for everyone.

Commentary: Immigration reform would help spur economic growth

From the Detroit News, 2/3/12

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120203/OPINION01/202030333/1008/opinion01/Commentary-Immigration-reform-would-help-spur-economic-growth>

Compuware Corp., the company I co-founded 39 years ago, is constantly recruiting individuals of all nationalities to help take us to the next level of innovation. Companies that hope to succeed must be able to attract the right people with the right skills, regardless of their birthplace.

Historic HUD milestone for LGBT people

From PrideSource, 2/2/12

<http://www.pridesource.com/article.html?article=51448>

An important milestone has been reached by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan announced Monday new regulations intended to ensure that HUD's core housing programs are open to all eligible persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Ferris State constructing \$1.3 million racist memorabilia museum to teach tolerance

From the MLive Media Group, 2/1/12

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/02/ferris_state_constructing_13_m.html GRAND

RAPIDS — Some truths about American history are painful. There was a time when derogatory images portraying black people as sub-human, lazy and inarticulate in racist artifacts and caricatures were so common, even lynchings were on postcards.

WSU proposes tougher policy for admissions

From the Detroit News, 2/1/12

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120201/SCHOOLS/202010385/WSU-proposes-tougher-policy-admissions?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

A proposed new Wayne State University admissions policy has some worried it will shut the door on some students of color.

Teaching Kids to be Tolerant

From NPR , 1/31/12

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=146143336>

Detroit's City Council recently passed an ordinance that would make bullying and cyber bullying a criminal offense. Host Michel Martin explores how to raise kids to be accepting of differences. She speaks with moms Leslie Morgan Steiner, Desiree Cooper and Angela Jaafar. Jaafar is also part of the reality TV show *All-American Muslim*.